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SUBJECT: PRG AND KHMER ISSUES IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

FOR SISCO FROM AMBASSADOR

REFS: (A) STATE 062535 (B) MEXICO 3243

1. I WAS FINALLY ABLE TO SEE FOREIGN MINISTER RABASA PERSONALLY LAST EVENING (MAY 6) AND EXPLAIN TO HIM THE PRG/KHMER ISSUES. HE SAID HE RECOGNIZED VALIDITY OF OUR ARGUMENTS, PARTICULARLY AS REGARDS FACT THAT PRG AND GRUNK DO NOT POSSESS ATTRIBUTES OF LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENTS. AT THE SAME TIME, THIS IS AN ISSUE DEAR TO THE HEARTS OF THE THIRD WORLD AND NON-ALIGNED NATIONS. MEXICO CONSIDERS ITSELF NON-ALIGNED AND A MEMBER OF THE THIRD WORLD AND HAS NO WISH TO LOSE FACE ON THIS MATTER WITH OTHER MEMBERS OF THE THIRD WORLD. HE RECOGNIZED OUR DIFFICULTY, HOWEVER, AND WOULD THUS BE PREPARED TO ABSTAIN.

2. I STRESSED THAT ABSTENTION WAS NOT ENOUGH TO PREVENT SEATING AND THAT I HOPED MEXICO MIGHT CAST A NEGATIVE VOTE. HE SEEMED IMPRESSED BY MY REITERATION THAT THE U.S. DID NOT INTEND TO ACQUIESCE IN A COMMUNIST VICTORY BY DIPLOMATIC MEANS AFTER HAVING MADE SUCH
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SACRIFICES TO PREVENT THIS MILITARILY. RABASA CLOSED

CONVERSATION BY SAYING HE WOULD CONSIDER (THIS MIGHT
MEAN CONSULTING PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA) ON POSSIBILITY
OF NEGATIVE VOTES.

3. COMMENT: AS HE HAS LEFT TODAY FOR COSTA RICAN
INAUGURATION I AM DOUBTFUL THAT HE WILL BITE THE BULLET
IN REGARD TO MAKING DECISION FOR NEGATIVE VOTE. IN
VIEW OF MEXICO'S PAST ATTITUDES ON THIS MATTER, WE
WOULD BE LUCKY TO HAVE AN ABSTENTION.
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